

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 MOSCOW 04056 171852Z

12

ACTION EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 ARA-06 EA-07 NEA-10 IO-11 ISO-00 CIAE-00

INR-07 NSAE-00 PA-01 PRS-01 SP-02 PM-04 NSC-05 SS-15

/082 W

----- 051579

R 171447Z MAR 76

FM AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

TO SECSTATE 1312

AMEMBASSY AMMAN

AMEMBASSY BERLIN

AMEMBASSY BUCHAREST

AMEMBASSY BUENOS AIRES

AMEMBASSY CAIRO

USMISSION GENEVA

USDEL SALT TWO GENEVA

AMCONSUL HONG KONG

AMEMBASSY ISLAMABAD

AMCONSUL LENINGRAD

AMEMBASSY LISON

AMEMBASSY LONDON

AMEMBASSY MADRID

AMCONSUL MUNICH

USMISSION NATO

AMEMBASSY PARIS

AMEMBASSY ROME

AMEMBASSY SOFIA

AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV

AMEMBASSY TOKYO

USDEL MBFR VIENNA

AMEMBASSY WARSAW

CINCPAC

CINCEUR

USNMR SHAPE BELGIUM

USIA WASHDC

DIA WASHDC

CINCUSAFE RAMSTEIN AFB

CINCUSAREUR HEIDELBERG

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 MOSCOW 04056 171852Z

CSAF WASHDC//AFINA/SSA

CNO WASHDC//OP-61
DA/WASHDC//DAMI-FII
OSD/ISA/EUR WASHDC

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE MOSCOW 4056

FOR POLADS

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: PFOR FR GW UR US UK XH
SUBJECT: SOVIET PRESS SUMMARY - MARCH 17

SUMMARY. SOVIET PRESS HIGHLIGHTS:

--COVERAGE OF THE US REMAINS UNUSUALLY SPARSE, PERHAPS
INDICATING THAT THE PRESS IS AWAITING NEW GUIDELINES
ON US TREATMENT;
--PRAVDA ANNOUNCES RECONVENING OF THE EDITORIAL GROUP
DRAFTING THE EUROPEAN PARTY CONFERENCE DOCUMENT, BUT AT SAME
TIME CONTINUES ITS CAMPAIGN AGAINST WEST EUROPEAN COMMUNIST
REFORMISM AND OPPORTUNISM AND PRACTICALLY CHORTLES AT
LESS THAN INSPIRING SUCCESS BY THE PCF IN RECENT ELEC-
TIONS;
--THE PRESS ANNOUNCES WITHOUT COMMENT WILSON'S DECISION
TO RESIGN;
--COVERAGE OF THE IBERIAN STATES REMAINS FAIRLY HEAVY,
BUT ALONG PREDICTABLE LINES;
--A SIGNED COMMENTARY ON THE FRG SAYS THAT DETENTE IS
STILL ALIVE AND WELL THERE, IMPLICITLY CONTRASTING THE
SITUATION WITH THAT IN THE US;
--THE PRESS CELEBRATES AN ANNIVERSARY IN SOVIET-NORTH
KOREAN RELATIONS WITH A MINIMUM OF POLITICAL COMMENT;
--AND AN IZVESTIYA REPORT SHOWS SOME LATIN AMERICAN COM-
MUNIST LEADERS STILL IN MOSCOW TWO WEEKS AFTER THE END
OF THE CPSU CONGRESS. END SUMMARY.

2. US FOR SECOND STRAIGHT DAY THERE IS NO MAJOR COV-
ERAGE OF THE US. TWO SMALL ITEMS ON THE CANCELLATION
OF THE CONCORDE TEST FLIGHTS AND ON CURRENCY INSTABILITY
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 03 MOSCOW 04056 171852Z

IN THE WEST ASCRIBE UNSAVORY COMMERCIAL AIMS TO THE US,
AND FURTHER SMALL ITEMS SAYS WORLD PEACE COUNCIL HAS
CONDEMNED GENERAL HAIG'S "INADMISSIBLE INTERFERENCE"
IN FRENCH AND ITALIAN INTERNAL AFFAIRS. COMMENT. THE
PRESS APPEARS TO BE AWAITING NEW GUIDELINES ON HOW TO
TREAT THE U.S., AND SAYING AS LITTLE AS POSSIBLE IN THE
INTERIM. END COMMENT.

3. COMMUNIST MOVEMENT. PRAVDA ANNOUNCED RECONVENING OF THE "REGULAR, THIRD SESSION" OF THE EDITORIAL GROUPS "WHICH IS TO CONTINUE WORK ON THE DRAFT DOCUMENT" FOR THE EUROPEAN COMMUNIST PARTY CONFERENCE. PRAVDA REPORTS DELEGATIONS PRESENT FROM 27 PARTIES, WITH THE BRITISH PARTY APPARENTLY ABSENT FROM FULL ROSTER OF 28. DELEGATE HEADS ARE NOT NAMED. PRAVDA CONTINUES THE CAMPAIGN ON PROLETARIAN INTERNATIONALISM (P.I.). MONGOLIAN CHIEF TSEDENBAL IS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT THE CPSU CONGRESS WAS "A SHINING DEMONSTRATION OF THE FORCE AND VITALITY OF THE PRINCIPLES OF P.I." PRAVDA ALSO SPEAKS TO THE OTHER SIDE OF THE P.I. COIN BY REPRINTING AN ASSERTION BY AUSTRIAN CP HEAD MUHRI THAT CIVIL RIGHTS IN THE "SOCIALIST STATES" ARE "CONSIDERABLY BROADER THAN IN THE SO-CALLED FREE WEST." JUICIEST ITEM OF THE DAY IS A PRAVDA REPRINT OF EXCERPTS FROM THE ARGENTINIAN CP ORGAN NUESTRA PALABRA WITH ONLY BARELY DISGUISED ATTACK ON WEST EUROPEAN CP "REFORMISM AND OPPORTUNISM." ARTICLE SAYS REFORMISM "BACKS DOWN BEFORE THE BOURGEOISIE, DENIES THE REVOLUTIONARY STRUGGLE OF THE WORKING CLASS AND THE NEED FOR ITS HEGEMONY." ARTICLE CONTENTS THAT HISTORY WILL THROW TO ITS GARBAGE DUMP THE "PHARISEE-LIKE DISCUSSIONS" BY SIK, GARAUDY, AND OTHERS "OF VARIOUS SORTS OF 'HUMANE AND DEMOSCRATIC SOCIALISM'." NUESTRA PALABRA ALSO WARNS, SAYS PRAVDA, THAT ONE MUST NOT FORGET THOSE PHILISTINES WHO MOVE AWAY FROM THEIR PRINCIPLES IN ORDER TO GAIN RECOGNITION OR TO BE VICTORIOUS IN ELECTIONS. (WE ASSUME THAT ARGENTINE CP IS IN NO REAL DANGER ON EITHER FRONT.) PRAVDA COMMENTARY ALSO RUBS PCF NOSE IN THE DIRT WITH A POKER-FACE REPORT THAT IN RECENT FRENCH ELECTIONS SOCIALISTS DOUBLED THEIR PERCENTAGE OF THE VOTE WHILE THE PCF PERCENTAGE ACTUALLY DECREASED. COMMENT. THE MESSAGE TO THE PCF SEEMS TO BE "YOU TRIED IT, AND IT DIDN'T WORK." THE JUST-CONCLUDED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 04 MOSCOW 04056 171852Z

VISIT HERE OF THE FRENCH MFA SECRETARY GENERAL WOULD NORMALLY CALL FORTH A FEW NASTY MEDIA DIGS AGAINST FRENCH GOVERNMENT POLICY IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN RELATIONS WITH THE PCF ON AN EVEN KEEL. THUS, FAIRLY OPEN CHORTLING ABOUT THE ELECTION RESULTS IS DOUBLY SIGNIFICANT. END SUMMARY.

4. UK. MORNING PAPERS REPORT WITHOUT COMMENT THE WILSON DECISION TO RESIGN. CENTRAL PRESS ALSO CONTINUES MINI-CAMPAIGN ADVOCATING AN INCREASE IN SOVIET-BRITISH TRADE, CONTINUING PUBLIC PREPARATION FOR THE GROMYKO VISIT TO THE UK MARCH 22.

5. IBERIA. PRESS COVERAGE OF EVENTS IN BOTH IBERIAN STATES CONTINUES MODERATELY HEAVY. REPORTING ON SPAIN IS DEVOTED ENTIRELY TO LABOR UNREST, BUT OFFERS LITTLE

EDITORIAL COMMENT. COVERAGE ON PORTUGAL CENTERS ON PCP PREPARATIONS FOR THE ELECTION, WITH MOST RECENT ARTICLE CARRYING PCP CLAIM THAT THE REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL HAS STRONGLY WARNED RIGHTIST FORCES AGAINST ACTIVITIES WHICH LIMIT THE PARTY'S ABILITY TO CAMPAIGN THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.

6. FRG. PRAVDA'S MAIN FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMENTARY FOR THE DAY ASSERTS THAT DETENTE IS ALIVE AND WELL IN THE FRG. BRANDT IS POINTEDLY QUOTED AS SAYING THAT "THE CONCEPT OF 'DETENTE' CONTINUES IN FORCE AS BEFORE." COMMENTARY SAYS THAT THERE IS "NO BASIS TO BELIEVE THAT GOVERNING CIRCLES WILL NOT BE ABLE TO WITHSTAND PRESSURE" FROM THE MILITARY/INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX AND OTHER ANTI-DETENTE FORCES. COMMENTARY FURTHER POINTEDLY ASSERTS THAT THE WEST GERMAN RIGHTISTS ATTEMPTED TO BORROW ANTI-DETENTE AMMUNITION FROM RIGHTIST FORCES IN THE U.S., BUT THAT SUCH ATTEMPTS HAVE BEEN REJECTED AS AN CONTRARY TO STATE INTERESTS AND THE FRG'S FOREIGN AFFAIRS AUTONOMY. COMMENT. THE U.S. IS THE LARGELY UNNAMED TARGET OF THIS COMMENTARY. IT IMPLICITLY GOES BEYOND SIMPLY CONTENDING THAT THE FRG STILL BELIEVES IN DETENTE TO A SUBTLE UNDERTONE URGING THAT THE FRG UNDERTAKE TO RECONVINCE THE U.S. OF THE CORRECTNESS OF SUCH A POLICY. END COMMENT.

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 05 MOSCOW 04056 171852Z

YM NORTH KOREA. IZVESTIYA AND PRAVDA BOTH CARRY ARTICLES ON THE 27TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NORTH KOREAN-SOVIET AGREEMENT ON ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL COOPERATION. ARTICLES REMAIN STRICTLY ON THE ECONOMIC TRACK AND ARE COMPLETELY WITHOUT POLITICAL SUBSTANCE. THEY DO NOT EVEN MAKE THE USUAL BOW TO KOREAN REUNIFICATION.

7. LATIN AMERICA. IZVESTIYA REPORTED THAT "SOME" OF THE LATIN AMERICAN DELEGATES TO THE SOVIET 25TH PARTY CONGRESS VISITED THE NEWSPAPER'S OFFICES ON MARCH 15. THOSE LISTED WERE REPRESENTATIVES FROM COLOMBIA, PANAMA AND TWO FROM COSTA RICA. THE COSTA RICANS WERE NOT LISTED IN THE CONFERENCE HOSTED BY THE LATIN AMERICAN INSTITUTE ON MARCH 9 AND 10, WHICH ALSO INCLUDED REPRESENTATIVES FROM ECUADOR, BRAZIL AND NICARAGUA (MOSCOW 3729).
STOESSEL

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: PRESS SUMMARIES
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 17 MAR 1976
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: saccheem
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1976MOSCOW04056
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D760102-0009
From: MOSCOW
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1976/newtext/t19760352/aaaabtke.tel
Line Count: 218
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION EUR
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 4
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: saccheem
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 06 APR 2004
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <06 APR 2004 by ellisoob>; APPROVED <27 JUL 2004 by saccheem>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
04 MAY 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: SOVIET PRESS SUMMARY - MARCH 17 SUMMARY. SOVIET PRESS HIGHLIGHTS
TAGS: PFOR, FR, GE, UR, US, UK, XH
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006